



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY QUILT GUILD

Our mission is to stimulate an interest in quilts, to promote and advance the art of quilt making, to conduct educational programs and services in the design techniques and preservation of quilts and quilt making; and to promote quilting in philanthropic endeavors.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear friends in fabric,

I was looking for topics for this article today and came across a current trend in quiltmaking referred to as "bohemian minimalist." It consists of quilt-width strips of various, and perhaps-not-color-coordinated, fabrics that are eight to 12 inches wide (think fabric combinations from the late 60s and early 70s). My first thought was "bohemian indeed!" Then I thought "what a snap that would be..." Can you imagine only eight or ten long seams and you're done with the top? I should have discovered this decades ago – I would have completed so many more tops!

But, I think I would have missed out on the beautiful surprises that we get when we create blocks where we combine a bright orange with deep royal blue, or a more subtle almost-blend of pastel pink and pale green. And I would miss the secondary patterns we can create by alternating blocks in a quilt. The piecing detail and its effects are half of the fun of the finished top!

Anyway, I love that our craft has so many different variations and such various results! It's what makes every Show 'n' Share such a wonderful experience!

A couple of announcements: First, starting with the May meeting, we will no longer be broadcasting over Zoom. We look forward to seeing everyone in person and masks off at the SCUMC Fellowship Hall on May 12 starting at 6:30 PM. Second, we need volunteers for the June 4th pop-up booth at the Lakes and Valleys Art Guild for the Leona Valley Cherry Festival. It is an all-day gig – from 8 AM to 4 PM – and we need 3 volunteers in addition to me. Please let Joyce Wilkinson know if you can spend the day with us. It should be a lovely day!

Keep on Quilting!

Sue Bennorth

PROGRAMS

Our May Program will be presented by our very own Patti Voyles!

A Visit to Strip Piecing: Strip Piecing became popular with the combination of the rotary cutter, mat and rulers and especially with the inclusion of sewing machines. It was a fast way to make certain types of blocks since stitching on the machine and the accuracy of the pieces cut with seam allowances could be very consistent. We will be looking at techniques to make this more effective, where it can be used, and how it is applied in two of the quilts Patti has shown us recently. Designer's and the books will be provided during the lecture.

Game night coming this August! Here's a little teaser: Games, Prizes, and a little Friendly competition. Who will be the Iron Quilter?

Kris Dolan

VINTAGE PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP

It is always interesting to learn about the history of quilting and fabrics. But if you acquire a vintage linen, how can you care for it? Here are some cleaning tips on the vintage quilts or linens: A good resource is antiquequilts.com/how-to-wash-a-quilt

Generally speaking, websites recommend hand wash with mild soap (Orvis, Ivory flake, Retro wash) in cold water. Soak, don't agitate, and lay flat on sheets outside to dry. Don't soak for an exceptional length of time as that may weaken the threads. I have found soaking in a bath tub is easiest. Haven't tried drying in the sun as concerned on effect of sun on fibers but many say it works - your choice

Hope this helps with the steps of preservation of your vintage quilts and/or linens.

Marcia Dains

SHOW AND SHARE – SEND PHOTOS

Please send your show and share items to me on email by May 9th (the Monday before the meeting). Looking forward to helping share your work with the rest of the guild. Be sure your name is on the email or text. A brief write-up about the project can contain information about the pattern, the idea you had, the fabric used, who it is for.

Patti Voyles

COMMUNITY SERVICE – SENIOR CENTER

Thank you to all the members who have continued to make placemats. A special shout out to Barbara Montejo for completing numerous amounts of binding needed to finish our place mats for our Senior Center!

I have many kits available.

Thank you again,

Carol Carter

COMMUNITY SERVICE – VETERAN’S PROJECTS

The current finished items will be taken to the Cal Vet Facility in May. If you have something that is done, you can bring it to the meeting or make arrangements to get it to me. There is no rush as I will be taking any additional finished items later this year. Thank you all for the beautiful work. It is much appreciated.

I do have some kits, 15-20 bed quilts needing quilting and will be spray basting some wheelchair and lap quilts when I return from my trip. I will bring a few to the guild meeting in May.

Patti Voyles

COMMUNITY SERVICE – GUIDE DOGS OF AMERICA

I have a few photos for the dog pictures. This can be an existing photo your dog that you especially love. Please get them to me as I need to start printing when I get home so we can sew them into blocks. I will be reviewing the fabric and setting up a kitting session in May.

Patti Voyles

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Our apologies for running out of April BOM kits; you are all amazing! We will do our best to make sure that doesn't happen again.

This month's block is a "Heart in a Star" block which will coordinate with the April block. The trick to this block is to work with the very small "heart" pieces which will create the 6 ½" square used for the center. The key will be the "scant ¼" seam allowance." The block is then completed by using the "Sawtooth Star" instructions from April to make a beautiful 12 ½" block. Go on our guild website to the "Newsletters/BOM" page to access the April instructions if you need them. We hope this gives you a bit of a fun challenge.

A copy of the pattern and a picture are at the end of this newsletter and on our website: <https://scvquiltguild.org/newsletters%2F-bom>. Have fun learning this new block. Call if you have any questions. Our phone numbers are in the directory. THANKS so much for your sewing support! 😊

Joan Anderson & Darlene Stump

OPPORTUNITY QUILT

We will be displaying the opportunity quilt and selling tickets in Lake Elizabeth on June 4 for the Cherry Festival. We will need some volunteers to help out.

Tickets were distributed at the last meeting. I'll have them again for you in May. If you can't make the meeting or would like more tickets, let me know and we can make arrangements to get them to you.

Remember if you know of an event where we could show the quilt and sell tickets, let me know. The Opportunity Quilt raises much needed funds for the guild.

We are starting to work on next year's Opportunity Quilt and we think it is going to be spectacular! Our next get together is on May 28. Contact me if you would like to help out.

Doryce Fitzgerald

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest members: Nancy Goettling, Cheryl Anderson, and Danette Bess!

Happy May birthdays to:

May 05	Connie Sitar
May 20	Lynn Schwagle
May 21	Debbie Ackerman
May 21	Denise Rifilato
May 23	Sheila Dutka
May 31	Yvonne Angel



Happy Quilting!!

Sara Anne Nelson

TREASURER’S REPORT

Here is the Treasurer’s Report for March 2022:

	Beginning Balance as of 3-01-22		\$ 25,884.24
	Deposits and Other Credits		
2-Mar	Membership,OPT& Bank fee	\$ 62.00	
9-Mar	Donation	\$ 125.00	
11-Mar	IFFI	\$ 20.00	
11-Mar	Boutique	\$ 40.00	
11-Mar	Spray Baste	\$ 31.20	
11-Mar	Membership,OPT&Postage	\$ 174.00	
11-Mar	Ways & Means	\$ 119.00	
11-Mar	Membership&OppTickets	\$ 50.00	
24-Mar	Workshops	\$ 200.00	
24-Mar	Boutique	\$ 26.00	
24-Mar	IFFI	\$ 10.00	
28-Mar	Business Membership	\$ 50.00	
	Total Deposits		\$ 907.20
	Withdrawals & Other Debits		
1-Mar	Michelle Tavares	\$ 87.60	
9-Mar	Golden State Storage	\$ 2,244.00	
11-Mar	Dolores Roux-Jones	\$ 40.97	
23-Mar	Dolores Roux-Jones	\$ 200.00	
24-Mar	KHTS Home & Garden Show	\$ 100.00	
25-Mar	Department of Justice	\$ 25.00	
25-Mar	Joan Anderson	\$ 47.44	
	Total Withdrawals		\$ 2,745.01
	Ending Balance as of 3-31-22		\$ 24,046.43

Penny Lawrence

IFFI

IFFI quilters, do not forget to send me your finished project pictures...text or email. I will then put your name in the pot for our December meeting drawing.

Happy Quilting!

Joyce Wilkinson

HOSPITALITY

We are back to providing refreshments in the church! If your last name begins with the letter A-F, please bring something to share.

Dolores, Kendra, and Julie

WAYS AND MEANS

Here are the April Ways and Means winners:

#1 Gift card Bonanza will be picked in Mays meeting

#2 Straightlaced- Kendra Geiger

#3 Aztec Kokapelli- Judy Woodings

#4 Paw Prints- Tina Sammartano

#5 Watercolor- Danette Bess

Our thanks to everyone that continues to support the Ways And Means!

Rita, Linda, and Millie

WEBSITE

Please view the home page on our Website for articles for upcoming events.

The Home and Garden show coming up April 30- May 1 .

Our Lakes and Valley Art Guild, where our guild is showcasing our handmade items for sale.

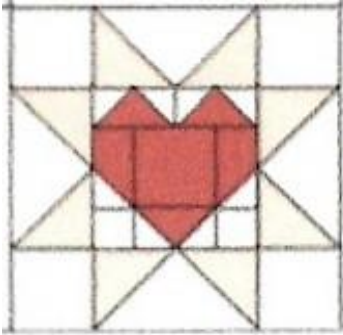
To make navigation easier. I combined Newsletter/ BOM on header on our website. Hope you find this helpful.

Carol Carter

2022 PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Jan 13	Kathleen Dolan & Melissa Lee: Guild Orientation, Ergonomics & Stretching
Feb 10	Marcia Dains: English Paper Piecing
March 10	Joyce Wilkinson: How to Prepare a Quilt for a Longarm Quilter
April 14	Community Service
May 12	Patti Voyles: Strip Piecing
June 9	Barbara Montejo: Block Auction
July 14	Doryce Fitzgerald: Sew Powerful Purses
Aug 11	Game Night
Sept 8	Roberta Nicholson: TBD
Oct 13	LuJean Seagul: Borders
Oct 15	Workshop: Beyond the Borders
Nov 10	Connie Sitar: Art Quilts
Nov 12	Workshop: Arts Quilts with Connie Sitar
Dec 8	Holiday Party with Quilty Pleasures vendor

MAY BLOCK OF THE MONTH – HEART IN A STAR



This is the second of two blocks that will go together to create a star and heart quilt. Your block should be 12 1/2" UNFINISHED. Finished Size (once sewn into the quilt) is 12".

For each block, you will need:

Fabric/Color	Cut Size	Quantity
White fabric (solid or small print)		
- Small Squares for heart	2" sq.	10
- Rectangles	3 1/2" x 6 1/2"	4
- Square Corners	3 1/2" sq.	4
Mid-tone Floral Fabric		
- Squares	3 1/2" sq.	8
Dark Floral Fabric		
- Squares	3 1/2" square	1
- Rectangles	2" x 3 1/2"	5

SEW ALL SEAMS A SCANT 1/4"

Start with Center Heart

- (10) White 2" squares
- (5) Dark 2" x 3 1/2" rectangle
- (1) Dark 3 1/2" square

Fig 1

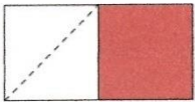


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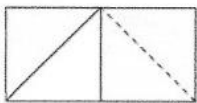
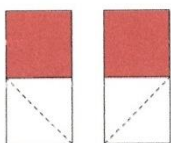


Fig 3

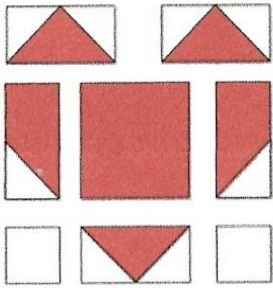


1. Using a ruler and pencil, draw a diagonal line on the back of (8) 2" white squares. (2) of the white squares will not be used for this part.
2. Match a 2" white square to the corner of (1) 2" x 3 1/2" dark rectangle RST. (Fig. 1)
3. Sew slightly (just a hair) outside the diagonal line. (Fig. 1)
4. Trim Excess fabric 1/4" from outside the diagonal line and press to the white fabric.
5. Using the same rectangle, match another 2" white square to the other corner making sure diagonal lines meet at center. It will overlap a little at the center. Sew on the diagonal line. (Fig. 2) Trim Excess fabric and press. This makes 1 Flying Geese unit. This unit should measure 2" x 3 1/2".

Repeat steps 2 through 5 and make a total of 3 flying Geese units

6. Lay out (2) 2" x 3 1/2" dark rectangles with (1) white square each. Make sure that the diagonal lines go in opposite directions from each other. (Fig. 3) Sew on the pencil line. Trim and press to the white fabric.

Fig. 4



- Combine Units - Lay out (1) $3\frac{1}{2}$ " red square, the (3) Flying Geese units, the (2) diagonal red units, and the (2) unused 2" white squares. (Fig. 4)

Sew the (2) Flying Geese units together in the first row.

Sew the diagonal units to each side of the red square.

Now sew the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " white squares to each side of the Flying Geese unit.

- Press seams. Press seam in the first row to one side. Press seam in the second row to the middle red square and press seam in the third row to the white squares.
- Sew each row to the next row. Press. This will be the center of the block and needs to measure $6\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

Now use the instructions from April's Sawtooth Star Block replacing the center white square with this "Heart" square.

The finished block looks like this:



Block measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ "

Note Points should end $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from the outside edge.

2022 OPPORTUNITY QUILT: “WINDMILL FANCY” - 92” X 104”



MINI-GROUPS

Name	Contact	Meeting Information
Cut-Up Mini Group (full for now)	Joyce Wilkinson	Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month
Monday Mavens ***	Kris Dolan	Meeting every week on Zoom for now – everyone welcome. Contact Kris for the Zoom link.
Stitch n Chat ***	Carol Carter	Meets third Thursday of each month at Carol’s house. Space limited, must RSVP.
Quilters in the Park ***	Kendra Geiger	Meets every other Friday, 11:15am – 1pm, at Central Park near the restrooms closest to the dog park. All are welcome.

*** indicates membership is open. If you want to attend a meeting, we recommend calling to be sure that nothing has changed since this listing.

STITCH N CHAT MINI GROUP

This mini-group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 9am-12pm and is open to everyone. We try to showcase a different quilting technique at each meeting and then put those techniques to use in creating items for the guild’s community service projects. It’s perfect both for those members who want to improve their quilting skills and experienced quilters with tips to share. Fabric is supplied, just bring your sewing machine, neutral thread, and scissors/snips.

If you’d like to join us for the May 19th meeting, please RSVP to Carol as space is limited.

Carol, Jean, & Melissa

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Things to Remember:

- ❖ *Next meeting: May 12, 2022, 6:30 PM*
- ❖ *Wear your name tag*
- ❖ *Sign-in sheet at the door*
- ❖ *Bring your Show and Share quilts*

This Month's Calendar:

- ❖ *General Meeting: Thurs, May 12, 2022*
Social Hour: 6:30-7:00pm
Meeting starts at 7:00pm
at Santa Clarita United Methodist Church
26440 Bouquet Canyon Rd Saugus, CA
- ❖ *Business Meeting: Thurs, May 19, 2022*
6:30-8:30pm on Zoom



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